

ALFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S
ANNUAL REPORT

for the year 1957



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(from August, 1957)

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URBAN DISTRICT OF ALFORD

The Annual Report
of the
Medical Officer of Health 1957

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Skegness.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Alford Urban District Council*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the district for the year 1957.

My appointment of Medical Officer dates from August 1957., following the retirement of Dr. C. S. E. Wright your previous Medical Officer. Therefore I shall confine my remarks to a few points.

There were no deaths of infants under one year of age. There were 43 deaths an increase of 19 over the previous year. Giving a death rate of 13.6 compared with the national rate of 11.5. There were 25 Births, six male, nineteen female. A birth rate of 13.2. The rate for England and Wales 16.1. 20 cases of infectious diseases were notified, 14 Whooping Cough, 2 measles, 3 Pneumonia and 1 Scarlet fever.

During the year 10 Bungalows were built on the Christopher Road Site, and occupied by tenants displaced by Slum Clearance Scheme. Seventeen houses were included in three Clearance Orders confirmed by the Ministry. This will remove black spots in the town, and provide sites for re-development. There were six applicants for improvement grants, all of which were approved. The number of applicants in respect of these grants is much lower than what might be expected.

The Sewage Works are operating at full capacity, and as each year brings new connections to the sewage system, the time is coming when some enlargement of the Works will be necessary. The position has now been reached when only 20 houses remain unconnected to the water carriage system.

The two Slaughterhouses continue satisfactory. Food premises were inspected under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955. Advice and assistance given to Traders to enable them to comply with the requirements.

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for the interest they have shown in the work of this Department, and to the Chief Public Health Inspector and members of the Staff for their ever willing and wholehearted co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. LOFTUS
Medical Officer of Health

Vital Statistics

Area in acres	....	....	....	1,138 acres
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population				2,140
Comparability factor for deaths	....	....		0.68
Comparability factor for births	....	....		1.13
Number of inhabited houses according to rate books				841
Total Rateable value	....	....	....	£22,376 0 0
Sum represented by a Penny Rate in 1957	....			£87 0 0

LIVE BIRTHS	M	F	Total
Legitimate	5	19	24
Illegitimate	1	—	1
	—	—	—
	6	19	25
	—	—	—

Birth rate per 1,000 of the resident population	11.7
Birth rate adjusted for comparison with other places per 1,000 of the resident population	13.2
Birth rate for England and Wales per 1,000 of the resident population	16.1

STILL BIRTHS	M	F	Total
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
	—	—	—
	—	—	—

Still Birth rate per 1,000 of the resident population	Nil
Still Birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil
Still Birth rate for England and Wales per 1,000 live and still births	22.1

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under one year of age

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
	—	—	—

Deaths of infants under four weeks of age

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
	—	—	—

Death rates of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births	....	....	....	Nil
Death rate for England and Wales of infants under one year of age per 1,000 related to live births	....			23.0
Neonatal Death Rate per 1,000 live births	....			Nil
Neonatal Death Rate for England and Wales per 1,000 related live births	...	....	....	16.5

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Deaths from other causes associated with childbirth	Nil

DEATHS

Number of deaths from all causes	....	43
Death rate per 1,000 resident population	....	20.0
Death rate adjusted for comparison with other places		13.6
Death rate for England and Wales per 1,000 resident population	....	11.5

Causes of Deaths according to Registrar General's Return.

Disease	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other organs	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and Parasitic Disease	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	1	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm Lungs Bronchus	1	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	-	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	3	4	7
Leukaemia and Aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of Nervous system	5	10	15
Coronary Disease Angina	4	4	8
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
Other Heart disease	-	1	1
Other Circulatory disease	-	1	1
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	1
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Other Diseases of the respiratory system	-	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
Pregnancy Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	-	2
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	2
All other accidents	-	-	-
Suicide	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total all causes	20	23	43

The death rate (per thousand of the population) for Tuberculosis is Nil, Coronary disease angina 3.7 and for pneumonia .23.

Deaths - Age Distribution

Under 1 year	1-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70 & over	Total
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	35	43

98% of the deaths occurred in persons over 60 years.
2% were under 60 years.

Deaths of Infants under one year

Disease	Under 1 month	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-9	9-12	Total
Ac. Bronchiolitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prematurity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haemorrhagic Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Infantile Mortality Rate For The Last Eight Years

(Rates per. 1,000 live births)

Year	Number	Rate
1950	1	27
1951	2	77
1952	3	110
1953	0	0
1954	0	0
1955	0	0
1956	3	88.2
1957	0	0

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

Disease	Under 1 yr.	1-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70 & over	Total
Measles	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.	2
Whooping Cough	-	6	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	14
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total 20

Tuberculosis

	NEW CASES				DEATHS IN 1957			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 10 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 to 15 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 20 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 30 „	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 to 40 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40 to 50 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50 to 60 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60 to 70 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	1	-	.	-	-	-	-

The following table shows the number of cases on the Register at the end of 1957.

Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
Male	Female	Male	Female	
47	36	18	11	112

SCHOOL HEALTH.

DENTAL CLINIC.

A Mobile Dental Clinic visits Schools in the district, for dental treatment of school children.

HOME NURSING SERVICE.

There is one Home Nurse in the district her duties of Home Nurse is combined with that of Midwife.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

This service is organised by the Local Health Authority. Help is provided in the home for cases of confinement, short term illness of the housewife, and aged and infirm persons.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

GENERAL AND MATERNITY.

Alford Memorial Hospital provides for some medical and surgical cases, most medical and surgical cases, are admitted to Louth County Hospital.

Maternity cases are admitted to Grace Swan Hospital Spilsby, Louth Infirmary and Louth and district hospitals. Paediatric cases are admitted to Louth County and Lincoln County Hospitals.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Patients suffering from these diseases are admitted to the Isolation hospitals at Lincoln and Grimsby.

X-RAY FACILITIES.

X-Ray facilities are provided by the Alford Memorial Hospital and the Louth Infirmary.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Lincoln Branch of the Public Health Laboratory service.

WELFARE SERVICES.

Under the provisions of the National Assistance Act 1948., it is the responsibility of the local Health Authority to provide accommodation for aged and infirm persons who are in need of care and attention. This accommodation is provided by the Local Health Authority in other districts of the county. It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of this Act during the year.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

There is no Ambulance Station in the district, the nearest stations are at Louth, Mablethorpe and Skegness. The service is administered by the Local Health Authority.

CHILDREN'S ACT 1948.

By the provisions of this Act certain classes of children come under the care of the Children's Department of the County Council. This department is responsible for children who are for various reasons deprived of normal care of their parents.

General Health Services

MATERNITY SERVICE.

MIDWIFERY.

Two midwives serve the district, one full-time and one in a relieving capacity.

Their addresses are as follows :-

Mrs. Corbett

Hamilton Road, Alford. (full-time)

Nurse Crooks,

Victoria Road, Mablethorpe. (relief Nurse)

ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINIC.

Ante-Natal and Post-Natal work is undertaken by the General Practitioners in the district.

INFANT WELFARE SERVICES.

HEALTH VISITORS

One Health Visitor serves the district, her address is:-

Miss M. L. Macaulay,

Grace Swan Hospital,

Spilsby.

INFANT WELFARE.

An Infant Welfare Clinic is held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each Month, at the Surgery, Alford at 2 p.m. Immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough, vaccination against Smallpox and Poliomyelitis is done at the Clinic. The following are particulars of Diphtheria Immunisations, Whooping Cough Immunisation combined Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisations, vaccinations and revaccinations carried out in the district during 1957.

Diphtheria Immunisations

Under five years of age at date of immuni- sation	Between five and fourteen years of age at date of immunisation	Boosting Doses
1	1	12

Whooping Cough Immunisations (under five years)

Under one	One	Two	Three	Four	Total
-	-	-	-	-	-

Combined Diphtheria & Whooping Cough Immunisations (under five years)

Under one	One	Two	Three	Four	Total
11	6	1	-	-	18

Vaccinations Re-vaccinations

Under One	1-4	5-14	15 or over	Total
17	4	-	-	21
1	-	-	-	-

Water Supply

The water supply continues to be of ample quantity and excellent quality. Improvement of reservoir intake has been introduced by way of a stilling tank which will reduce the load in the electric pumps. The 3" water main along Louth Road has been further extended, and ten new fire hydrants have been installed in various parts of the town thus giving added protection should a fire occur. During the year there were eight new connections to the Council's mains.

Negotiations have continued with neighbouring authorities towards the formation of a Water Board, and draft documents have been drawn up. There is trepidation in the town at the possible increase in water rate charges should the Board come into being, and a wish amongst the Councillors that the water undertaking which has served the town well in the past should not now be interfered with.

Result of examination of sample taken from source

Bacteriological Examination

Plate Count. Yeastrel Agar 2 days 37° C. aerobically 0 per ml.
Probable number of coliform bacilli MacConkey 2 days 37° 0 per ml.

Physical Characteristics

Colour	....	....	....	....	Normal
Turbidity	....	....	....	....	Nil
pH	....	....	....	....	7.50
Taste	....	....	....	....	Nil
Odour	....	....	....	....	Nil

Chemical Analysis - parts per million

Total solids dried at 180C	....	....	340.00
Chlorides as chlorine	....	....	17.75
Oxidised Nitrogen as nitrate	....	....	Absent
Oxidised Nitrogen as nitrite	....	....	0.002
Free and saline Ammonia	....	....	0.024
Albumonoid Ammonia	....	....	0.016
Temporary Hardness	....	....	120.00
Permanent Hardness	....	....	0.00
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. @ 80° F from N/80 KMnO ₄			0.04
Heavy metals	....	....	Absent
Free Chlorine	....	....	Absent
Sodium Carbonate equivalent to	....	....	132.50

At the time of sampling, this water was suitable bacteriologically and chemically for human consumption, domestic use and dairy purposes.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Housing

Total No. of New Houses erected during the year

(i) By the Local Authority....	....	....	....	10
(ii) By other Local Authorities	....	....	....	Nil
(iii) By other Bodies or persons	....	....	....	....5

Housing Repairs and Rents Acts 1954-57

No. of certificates of disrepair issued	Nil
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Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)....	79
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(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	111
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Remedy of defects during the Year without service of formal notices

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	27
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(1) PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS:-

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
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(b) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(i) by owners—————(ii) by local authority in default of owners	Nil
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(2) PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
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(b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices....

(i) by owners—————(ii) by local authority in default of owners	Nil
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(iii) Number of unfit houses purchased by local authority in accordance with the Housing ActsNil

(3) SLUM CLEARANCE - PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
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(b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders

(c) Number of dwelling houses, or parts, subject to Closing Orders	Nil
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(d)	Number of dwelling houses, or parts, rendered fit by undertakings	1
(e)	Number of dwelling houses included in confirmed Clearance Orders		17
(f)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in persuance thereof	....	....	....		Nil
(g)	Number of dwelling houses in confirmed Clearance Orders demolished	....	....	....		7
(h)	Number of dwelling houses on which Demolition Orders are operative which are still occupied					Nil
(4)	Number of Nissen Huts or other similar Hutments still occupied	....	....	....	....	Nil

Housing Acts - Overcrowding.

(a)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	....	....	....	....	Nil
	(11)	Number of persons concerned in such cases					
(b)	(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	....	....	....	....	Nil
	(11)	Number of families dwelling therein	-----				
		Number of persons dwelling therein	....				Nil

Housing Act, 1949

Number of houses for which applications for grants have been received (1957)	....	....	....	6
Number of houses subject to grant (1957)				6
Number of houses owned by local authority which have been the subject of grant aid by the Ministry (1957)				Nil
Total number of houses reconditioned by grant aid 31.7.1949 to 31.12.56.				15

Moveable Dwellings, Tents, Vans etc.

Number of site licences	1,	Number of individual Licences.	Nil
Total number of caravans permitted under licence			Nil
Number of inspections during the year	Sites		1
	Dwellings		1
No of contraventions remedied	....	....	Nil

Food Premises Bakehouses

Number in district	9,	Number of inspections	21
Number of contraventions	14,	Defects remedied	14

MILK SUPPLIES

No. of distributors on register Sterilised 1, Past 2, T.T. 1, N/D
 No. of samples of milk taken in course of delivery (other than biological)

	Sterilised	Past:	T.T.	N/D
No. of samples satisfactory	Sterilised	Past:	T.T.	N/D
No. of inspections of dairy premises	2 contraventions remedied			

ICB CREAM

No. of manufacturers on register	none.		
No. of premises licensed for sale of ice cream			
No. of inspections of premises made	12		
No. of contraventions found	1	remedied 1.	
No. of samples taken	Grade I	Grade II	
	Grade III	Grade IV	

MEAT PRODUCTS

No. of premises registered for manufacture of meat products	....	....	....	....	6
No. of inspections made	....	....	....	....	19
No. of contraventions found	....	....	3	remedied	3

OTHER FOOD PREMISES

No. of inspections....	....	....	....	....	32
No. of contraventions found	....18	remedied....	....	....	3

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

No. licensed – Abbatoir type	....	Private (individual)	2
No. operated by local Authority	....	....	....

Unsound Food

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	28			212	4	
Number inspected	28			212	4	
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerchi						
Whole carcases condemned						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3			1	1	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerchi				5%	15%	
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned						
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis						
Cysticerosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned						
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration						
Generalised and totally condemned						

Other Foods Condemned

TINNED GOODS

Meat		Other	
lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.
1	7	3	0
2	0		8
1	12	5	0
10	2	5	0
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15	5	2	8
		2	0
		5	0
		24	8

Bacon 40lbs.

Method of Disposal of Condemned Food

Meat I.W.E. Manures. Feeding Stuffs
Messrs. Hossel, Grimsby.

Other Foods U D.C. Refuse tip.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE

CLOSETS

No. of houses with privy vaults in district	5
No. of houses with pail closets in district	28
No. of houses with water closets in district	808
No. of water closets substituted for pail closets and privy vaults	7

CESSPOOLS AND SEPTIC TANKS

No. of Cesspools and septic tanks emptied, cleansed etc.	2
No. of Cesspools and septic tanks abolished	—

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Details of areas or villages where provision has been made of new sewers or where existing sewerage arrangements improved.

Details of areas or villages where provision has been made of new sewage disposal facilities or existing arrangements improved.

Any part of district urgently requiring public sewers and/or treatment works for public health reasons (state briefly reasons)

WATER SUPPLIES

DOMESTIC

No. of houses supplied from public mains in house	808
standpipe/outside tap	60
No. of houses supplied from private sources in house	—
not in house	20
New sources of supply and location public	—
No. of new sources of supply and location private	—
No. of houses supplied therefrom	—
No. of public supplies closed as (i) polluted	—
(ii) other reasons	—

Any part of district requiring a public supply or the replacement of a public supply for public health reasons

No. of samples taken for chemical examination :-

from public supplies	satisfactory	—	unsatisfactory	—
from private supplies	satisfactory	—	unsatisfactory	—

No. of samples taken for bacteriological examination :-

from public supplies	C1. I 88	C1. II 4	C1. III 3	C1. IV 3
from private supplies	C1. I 1	C1. II	C1. III	C1. IV

The unsatisfactory water samples occurred immediately after the installation of fire hydrants (9 in all) in various parts of the town.

SWIMMING POOLS

No. of public swimming pools in operation-----

No. fitted with continuous mechanical filtration and chlorination-----

No. of samples of swimming pool water taken for chemical examination.

(a) Satisfactory———(b) Not satisfactory———

No. of samples of swimming pool water taken for bacteriological examination.

(a) Satisfactory———(b) Not Satisfactory———

GENERAL

OFFENSIVE TRADES

No. of premises in district———No. of inspections

Contraventions remedied—

KNACKERS YARDS.

No. licensed—	No. of Inspections—	Contraventions remedied.—
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	7
8	8	8
9	9	9
10	10	10
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97	97	97
98	98	98
99	99	99
100	100	100

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

No. of shops inspected 11 Contraventions remedied—

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Rooms or premises disinfected (a) infectious disease other than tuberculosis—

(b) tuberculosis—

No. of premises subject to disinfestation	6
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REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

No. of premises from which refuse is collected	890
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Frequency of collection Biweekly

Method of disposal controlled tipping is this satisfactory? Yes. (if this is by tipping state if controlled or 'part controlled')

Is collection by Local Authority or contract L.A.

NUISANCES

Total number of nuisances during the year

(1) Abated as result of informal action by Public Health Inspector

(2)	Reported to Council	Statutory notice issued	—
	"	"	"
	"	"	"
	"	not issued	—

Details of nuisances abated

	After informal intima- tion	After statutory Notice		After informal intima- tion	After statutory notice
Refuse	3		Dangerous premises	1	
Foul ditches, ponds and stagnant water	2				
Drainage	14		Miscellaneous Nuisances	8	
Poultry and Animals	2				

Note: Housing defects dealt with under the Public Health Act and nuisances relating to atmospheric pollution and rodent infestation to be dealt with under separate headings.

Rats and Mice Destruction

No. of rodent operatives employed	1
No. of premises treated (a) dwelling houses	37
premises (b) other	19
Are there any serious reservoirs of rats in district?	No.

Atmospheric Pollution

No. of visits	—
No. of nuisances found	—
No. of nuisances abated	—

